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SUBJ: R/V CONRAD

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1. EMBASSY LEARNED BY CONVERSATION WITH DR. DUENAS LATE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, THAT DIRECTORATE GENERAL MARITIME AND PORTS AFFAIRS HAD IMPOSED ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT ON R/V CONRAD FOR RESEARCH CLEARANCE. ACCORDING TO DUENAS, THAT REQUIREMENT WAS THE PAYMENT OF PESOS 1,500 PER DAY TO THE COLOMBIAN NATIONALS THAT WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE CRUISE. DR. DUENAS WOULD NOT TRAVEL TO CARTAGENA WITHOUT THE ASSURANCE THAT THIS REQUIREMENT WOULD BE FULFILLED. LT. DE LA TORRE WAS THOUGHT AT THAT TIME TO BE IN CARTAGENA AND NO TRAVEL PROBLEM EXISTED FOR HIM. INFORMATION ON THIS SITUATION WAS TRANSMITTED TO THE SHIP'S AGENT IN CARTAGENA BY TELEX.

2. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, COMMANDER U.S. NAVAL MISSION AND EC/COMM COUNSELOR CALLED ON ADMIRAL CAMACHO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MARITIME AND PORTS AFFAIRS, TO REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF THE NEW REQUIREMENT. ADMIRAL CAMACHO EXPLAINED THAT THE PESOS 1,500 WERE TO BE PAID TO LT. DE LA TORRE ONLY AND NOT TO THE CIVILIAN PARTICIPANT. THIS PAYMENT WAS TO SERVE AS AN INCENTIVE TO THE LIEUTENANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CRUISE DURING HIS VACATION. WHEN IT WAS POINTED  
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OUT THAT THE 1,500 PESOS PER DAY REQUIREMENT WAS A) UNUSUAL TO SAY THE LEAST AND B) COULD JEOPARDIZE THE CRUISE IF NOT REMOVED, ADMIRAL CAMACHO AGREED TO RESCIND IT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF BOTH PARTIES. HE THEN ORDERED A NAVAL HELICOPTER TO TRANSPORT LT. DE LA TORRE FROM THE GOC NAVAL VESSEL 7 DE AGOSTO SAILING IN THE CARIBBEAN TO CARTAGENA TO MEET THE CONRAD. THIS WAS COMMUNICATED BY TELEX TO THE SHIP'S

AGENT AND THE EMBASSY REQUESTED THAT THE CONRAD REMAIN IN PORT UNTIL DEC 1 SO THAT THE PROBLEM WITH DR. DUENAS COULD BE SOLVED. THE CONRAD AGREED.

3. IN SPITE OF ADMIRAL CAMACHO'S COOPERATION, DR. DUENAS, REFUSED TO TRAVEL TO CARTAGENA FOR THE CRUISE UNLES HE WAS PAID PESOS 1,500 EACH DAY. HIS LAST WORD WAS THAT THE CONRAD COULD SAIL WITHOUT HIM IF THEY DID NOT AGREE TO THE PAYMENT. THIS INFORMATION WAS TELEXED TO SHIP'S AGENT AND THE FACT THAT THE CONDITIONS FOR CLEARANCE CALLED FOR TWO COLOMBIAN NATIONALS TO PARTICIPATE WAS NOTED AS A FURTHER STUMBLING BLOCK TO CONRAD'S RESEARCH CRUISE.

4. FORTUNATELY, LT. DE LA TORRE HAD STUDIED OCEANOGRAPHY BEFORE ENTERING THE NAVY AND COULD SERVE AS SCIENTIST AND GOC NAVAL OBSERVER. THIS WAS POINTED OUT TO GOC AUTHORITIES IN THE HOPES THAT DE LA TORRE COULD SERVE IN BOTH ROLES AND SATISFY GOC DESIRES. NO DECISION WAS REACHED BY THE GOC ON NOV. 30.

5. AT 0830 ON DEC 1 EMBASSY WAS INFORMED BY ADMIRAL CAMACHO THAT CONRAD COULD PROCEED IF LT. DE LA TORRE PERFORMED BOTH ROLES. THIS FACT WAS TELEXED IMMEDIATELY TO SHIP'S AGENT ALONG WITH REQUEST THAT A) DE LA TORRE BE GIVEN MEANINGFUL WORK WITHIN HIS REALM OF KNOWLEDGE AS A PART OF THE RESEARCH TEAM AND B) AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED, UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT EXPEDITION FUND HIS TRAVEL AND PERDIEM FOR RETURN TO CARTAGENA FROM BARBADOS. THE SHIP'S AGENT INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THE CONRAD WOULD SAIL DEC 1 AT 1400 LOCAL TIME. ASENCIO

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